

**CENTRAL FALLS HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes

March 18, 2009

Call to Order

Chairman, Robert Salisbury called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present were: Robert Salisbury, Chairman

Albert Laroche, Commissioner

Sister Mary Gibson, Commissioner

Gladys Burns, Commissioner

Charles Coelho, Commissioner

Also present: Robert Girouard, Executive Director

Raymond Marcaccio, Attorney

Susan Levasseur, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Minutes

Sister Mary Gibson motions to accept the minutes of the February 2009 meeting collectively, Gladys Burns seconded, and so it was

voted 5-0.

Approval of Expenditures

Gladys Burns motioned to accept the expenditures for February 2009, seconded by Sister Mary Gibson and so it was voted 5-0.

Administrative Report

Robert Girouard, Executive Director, briefs the board regarding a fire that had taken place at Forand Manor on March 5, 2009. The originally theory was that this was an accidental fire caused by smoking, however, after all investigation was completed it was determined that the tenant had died prior to the fire, unfortunately at the time of death she was smoking, which in fact caused this fire. The fire did cause significant damage, the American Red Cross assisted us tremendously and staff members also gave significant time in assisting with tenants. Repairs and reorganizing has taken place and we should be back up and running to full potential shortly.

Prior to this accident we did have a water main break in the annex, which also caused significant damage. This particular break was caused by corrosion in the pipe. This matter has been addressed and the maintenance staff has worked diligently to get things repaired quickly.

Update on the pest control issue: We did have another tenant complain of the problem. We treated this apartment and did have the

dog return to search for this problem and we did not find any new infestations. We were concerned with this due to the fact that when the fire sprinklers went off we wanted to make sure that no pests were washed down into other units. We found that this did not happen. The stimulus monies are due in and we will be receiving \$519, 039.00. The acceptance of this stimulus will need a board resolution. We will dedicate this money to building repairs. Moe Brousseau briefs the board on some of the projects that will be determined as we go forth regarding the spending of the stimulus money. The Section 8 Program has received a high performance score from HUD, congratulations to Viana DeCastro and the Section 8 staff.

There are some outside interests in the VFW site, Mr. Girouard as well as Chairman Salisbury have been in contact with these agencies and hopefully we will be able to get some type of plans in which direction we would like this property to go. At this time we are still waiting for the revised Allocation Plan, the original Allocation Plan was submitted however, it was rejected by HUD. We will resubmit the revised edition of the Allocation Plan as soon as it is received from

Andrew Daniels, Consultant.

BOARD RESOLUTION: Sister Gibson motions to accept the PHA Certification of Compliance with PHA plans and regulations stimulus monies in the amount of \$519,039.00 seconded by Gladys Burns and so it was voted 5-0.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

None at this time

Executive Session

Motion made by Albert Laroche to move to Executive Session, seconded by Charles Coelho, and so it was voted to move at 5:03 pm.

Reconvene to Public Session

Motion to reconvene to public session made by Gladys Burns, seconded by Charles Coelho at 5:15 pm.

Adjourn

Gladys Burns motions to adjourn at 5:17 pm, seconded by Sister

Mary Gibson, and so it was voted 5-0.